



# The Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies Program

An Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies is the perfect degree for those who have a passion to share the truth of God's Word and want a strong foundation in biblical essentials, leadership, and discipleship.

## What You Will Learn?

Whether you are a working professional, ministry leader, or a high school senior, studying Scripture will draw you nearer to God and prepare you for greater ministry and personal growth. PacRim's Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies is a two-year degree that has a scriptural foundation consisting of Christian doctrine, biblical interpretation, and a comprehensive overview of the Old and New Testaments. By pairing this foundation with leadership training and liberal arts basics such as English composition and critical thinking, you will be ready to walk boldly in your calling as you lead others to live a Christ-centered life.

## What You Can Do With This Degree?

An Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies is ideal for pastors and aspiring pastors who want to enhance their biblical understanding and leadership gifts. Ministry directors within a church or non-profit would also greatly benefit from this well-balanced degree. It is the right choice for anyone called to missions, Christian education, or biblical writing or editing. Even those not seeking professional employment will be able to grow personally and lead others to spiritual transformation. This degree is a launching point for further education, since all credit hours will count toward a Bachelor Degree at PacRim. Opportunities are boundless.

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The Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies provides a strong foundation in Bible and theology for marketplace ministers and for students desiring to go on to complete any of the five Bachelor of Arts degree programs offered at Pacific Rim Christian University. The goal of the Biblical Studies curriculum is to equip the student to value the careful study of the Bible and theology for life and ministry.

The AA in Biblical Studies program is available in accelerated format and can be completed in 18 months.

Upon successful completion of the Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies, students will demonstrate the ability to integrate biblical and theological thought into their life and ministry or marketplace context.

## Course Offerings

BI 1303 Pentateuch  
BI 1304 Gospels and Acts  
BI 2303 Historical Books  
BI 2305 Epistles and Revelation  
BI 2306 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation  
BI 3305 Wisdom and Apocalyptic Literature  
TH 3303 Christian Doctrine I  
TH 3304 Christian Doctrine II

## Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Tom Sefik



Dr. Sefik has served as a Youth Pastor, a Church Planter (both in the U.S. and the Philippines), a Bible College Professor in Manila, and an Adult Ministries Pastor at two different churches in the U.S. He is passionate about Small Group Discipleship, World Missions, and equipping God's people for effective life and ministry. To a lesser degree he is passionate about reading, golf, and Thai food! He regards his time in Bible College and Seminary as truly life-transforming, and seeks to bring the same dynamic to his PacRim classes.



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